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President's Soapbox

What is ham radio? I was just thinking about that, and how much things have changed and how much things stay the same. In our early days, (for some of us), we enjoyed the mystique of the glowing tubes, the smell of solder smoke and burnt resistors, and how we were able to put together components that allowed us to talk around the world with our hobby while most of the rest of our friends did not have that opportunity, since most people could not afford the cost of transoceanic calls. Today, the technology has enabled most to be able to do the same and in some ways better. So why ham radio?

Ask that question to any ham friend and you may get as many answers as the people you ask. To some, it is still the lure of talking around the world, testing the reach of our signal, and picking out those precious signals that give us the excitement of "I gothyou". It is almost like fishing, you put your lure out there and try to entice that "rare one" to select your hook over any other. To others, it is the lifelong quest to improve our grasp of the technology. To a lot of us, we seek that "perfect" interface to the ether that puts the maximum signal out there for others to hear and respond. To others, ham radio represents the good fellowship and the many opportunities to share the knowledge that we have collectively as members of the ham radio society.

To you, the members of the AARA, it is all this and more. Together we can share the journey of our ham radio hobby. That is the value in our meetings and events where we use our hobby to showcase our acquired ability and make use of our communication skills.

Right now the amateur community is rapidly adding digital modes to our repertoire of modes of communication. We now have beacons and remote stations to see how well our signals propagate across the globe. We also have available Software Defined Radios (SDR) that marries computer technology with our radios to a degree not available with previous radios. This has the potential to make available weak signal detection and filtering of signals to all amateurs at very low cost. We also have the internet, where we can research almost any topic and get information to help us improve our ham radio station.

Even in the middle of all this technology, a ham radio operator can still use a 50 year old transmitter and receiver and enjoy the hobby trading weather reports and local history with hams everywhere. We can still be of service to our communities in times of severe weather and disaster. We can still enjoy the hunt for signals in contests available almost any weekend.

Our next meeting will be on May 1. We will have some discussion on Field Day and hopefully have a proposed budget to approve. I have the AMOS FT990 and it seems to put out full power, after inhibiting the tuning section. I also have updated the N3FJP Field Day Software Program we used last year on both the old and the computer, Mark Saltzman W5GTI, donated to the club. The old one is having disk problems, so I plan to donate one similar to the one Mark provided to the club. It has the N3FJP logging software as well. Jess Gillion, KF5LUL has plans for a presentation topic. Hope to see you all there.

Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD
AARA President

AARA General Meeting
May 1st @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building

Editor's Note

As many of you may know by now that I have recently spent some time in the hospital due to some surgery on my right knee. This has somewhat put me limited to my e-mail reflector, newsletter, meetings, and ham radio activities. At the time I am recovering well, got the OK to drive. I still have some other minor issues that seem to be taking care of themselves. Thanks for all the prayers and "Get Well Wishes" from everyone. I would also thank Terry Broussard N5QWA and Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP for all their help in looking out for me while "homebound". This is part of emergency communication that never gets any mention, when ham radio operators help other ham radio operators in time of emergencies.

While I have been "homebound", I have been chasing the ARRL W1AW/P contest and have logged 21 states so far, mostly on 20 meters. This is the most challenging contest I have ever attempted, the pileups have been unbelievable!

I have received the latest updated AARA membership roster and added those who have paid dues to my "Members" folder on my reflector and those who have not paid dues to my "Ham Operators" folder. I have also updated my "hardcopies" mailing list, so those persons who do not have a e-mail address and have not paid dues will not be receiving a LARC in the mail. They will have to get them "on-line".

I hope to make the May 1st AARA General Meeting and hope to see you there.

Herman KN5GRK
LARC Editor

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

May 1, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building
 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA.
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Slidell EOC Hamfest
 7/19/2014

Local 2-Meter Nets
Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
 145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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APRIL AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2014

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA meeting was called to order by President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD.
- Chad Havilland KE5AYJ led the prayer and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The March minutes were not read as they were posted in the April LARC. On motion by Paula Romero KF5CNS, seconded by Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP the minutes were accepted as published.

Members shared interesting contacts: Nick Romero KE5MWX - Kuwait, Derek Meche KF5VZW - Packet from Space, Ric Wallace KF5KEL - DX Labs, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH - programming the radio she won, Samuel Havilland KE5AYI - practicing with Echo-Link, Chad Havilland KE5AYJ - checked out radio at hospital in Abbeville, Mark Saltzman W5GTI - Monday night Net controller, Archie Hill W5AG - LA QSO, Sweden, Russia, remote controlled airplane, Greg Dolan K5LFT - new Tech Roderick Bourgeois;

Cleveland KD5AYK - new member; James Williams KF5RBW - Kuwait, Antarctica; Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD- LA QSO, some foreign stations.

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Financial Report: Archie Hill W5AG, gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Ric Wallace KF5KEL, seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Archie W5AG.

Budget: President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD mentioned that the Board of Directors had not approved a Budget for 2014-2015. We will have another Executive Board Meeting before the next monthly meeting on May 1st, 2014.

New Business: Field Day June 28 - 29, 2014. We are in need of volunteers to fill the following positions:

Field Day Chairman - Antenna Planner - Coordinator for Antenna Set-Up: James Williams - Coordinator for Antenna Take-Down - Support: Food and Drinks: Sandy LeBlanc and Paula Romero - Radio Usage Planner - Logging Support: Larry LeBlanc

SKYWARN TRAINING: The following members attended a SKYWARN training class offered by NOAA on April 03, 2014: Ed Roy WA5TNK, Sharon Almanza, Karen Marshall KE5RPI, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF.

Mark Saltzman W5GTI, Monday night Net Controller, mentioned that there will be a Simplex net the middle of May. Also, when we are testing out SKYWARN make sure to use the pl tone for your area.

There being no further business, on motion by Ric Wallace KF5KEL, seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
 Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
 AARA Secretary 2014-2015



The gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery are decorated by U.S. flags on Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day - May 26, 2014

Many HF Stations will be on the air honoring our Veterans May 24th thru the 26th.



Mother's Day 2014 - May 11

VE Test Session Report April 3, 2014

Roderick Bourgeois of Jennings, Louisiana received Technician License and call KG5BHW.

VE's were: Greg K5LFT, Mark W5GTI, and Rick KF5KEL.

APRIL 03, 2014 AARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 03, 2014

BOARD MEETING:

- The AARA President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD opened the meeting at 6 pm at the Red Cross Building on Pat Street.
- The following members were present: Paula Romero KF5CNS, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Archie Hill W5AG, James Williams KF5RBW, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF. Absent were: Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Kendra Wilson KF5FY5 and Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

New Business: Budget for 2014-2015:

After much discussion on the budget, and unable to come to a consensus, the budget was tabled until next month. Board Members were asked to come up with ways to cut the budget and raise more money.

President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD adjourned the meeting until next month.

Respectively submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2014

Ham / Non-ham Coffee Meeting

Where: Charlotte's Kitchen in Houma, La.
Address: 6431 West Park Ave.
Houma, Louisiana 70364
When/Time: Every Thursday at 2:00 PM
Phone: 985-262-1812



Each Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM, both hams and non-hams gather for coffee, tea, lemonade, pie, cake and conversation. If you are in the area any Thursday, then please keep the 2 PM meeting in mind. Everyone is welcome.

Charlotte's is next to a Burger King and in front of the new V A Clinic. Charlotte does serve some good lunches at a fair price and of course has a menu of regular selections. Coffee is \$1.64 including tax and refills are free. I always order the refill! Pie or cake is also free. Please pass the word and hope to see you any Thursday.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Charlottes-Country-Kitchen/137870546292730>



73,
Ray W5EW

Natchitoches Tri-Centennial Special Events Station-N5T:

The Amateur Radio Club of Central Louisiana and the Amateur Radio Club of Sabine sponsored a special event station for the Natchitoches Tri-Centennial on Saturday, April 12th at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center on the campus of Northwestern State University. There were 11 amateur radio operators who participated. They were Jim, KD5IGG; Glyn, KF5UUI; Jim, N5NVP; Bryan, AF5JA; Mike, N5GJQ; Scott, KD5DFL; Steve, KE5IAK; Jack, WA5ETL; Dennis, W5LD; Cecil, W5CQG; and Kenny, NR9C.

The first contact that was made was with W1AW/4 in Virginia and a contact was made with the other Louisiana Special Event Station - Black Bear Special Event station. There were 53 contacts made on a variety of bands including the 2 meter band. At least 4 antennas were erected which included a dipole, G5RV, 2 meter beam, and a buddi-pole. Three radio were utilized during the event which included an IC-718, FT-450D, and an IC-2200.

Mike, N5GJQ, cooked hot dogs on the grill. The weather was just great and a good time was had by all who participated.

If you made a contact with N5T and would like to have a certificate. Send \$2 to:

ARCCLA, P.O. Box 8852, Alexandria, Louisiana, 70306.
73's Steve Neesley, KE5IAK
President ARCCLA



Gene Clark, Sr. - WA5GOX Silent Key

March 1, 1920 - April 17, 2014
Franklin, Louisiana

Funeral services for Eugene (Gene) S. Clark, Sr. was held at 1:00 PM Monday, April 21, 2014, at Ibert's Mortuary in Franklin, with Reverends Joe Sauce, Bobby Hodnett, and Marty Romero officiating. He was laid to rest in the Franklin Cemetery.

A native of Bunkie and a longtime resident of Franklin, Mr. Clark passed away at the age of 94 on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center.

Gene served his country as a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during WWII in the South Pacific Theatre. A dedicated Christian man, he served his church in various capacities, including as a former Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and Sunday School Superintendent. In 1982 he retired as Plant Superintendent from CLECO, where he dedicated many years of faithful service.

His hobbies included amateur radio and for many years, he was Net Control for the Louisiana Post Office Net, other hobbies included hunting, and gardening.

Survivors include two sons, Eugene S. "Stu" Clark, Jr. and Ronald D. Clark - WA5GOT, and his wife Liz; two step-sons, Johnnie Rex Perrett and James Perrett and his wife Jane; one step-daughter, Brenda P. Boudreaux; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

Our prayers go out to Gene and his family.



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Objective - To work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2. DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries.

Bayou Teche Black Bear Festival Special Event Report - by Jackie Price KA5LMZ



W5BMC Event Pavilion - Franklin, Louisiana

The *Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service*, (BEARS), operated W5BMC as a Special Event Station on Saturday, April 12, to publicize the Black Bear and Wooden Boat Festival on the banks of the beautiful Bayou Teche in Franklin, Louisiana.

Ten members and one potential ham worked the station. There was good interest shown by many members of the general public as they attended the festival.

Karen, KE5RPI, registered many XYL's as they attended her presentation on the YLRL network.

BEARS members who participated were Jared-W5WOS; Paul-AE5JU; Rudy-WA5QNH; Fred-W5MLE; Karen-KE5RPI; Frank-N5LOD; Deborah-N5FMI; Jackie-KA5LMZ; Mel-WD5CAE; Jim-KF5UMY and potential ham Jacob Bourgeois, son of W5WOS.

Unfortunately, 40M was the only band open and 45 contacts were made on 40M and 15 on Echo Link. One UK station connected on Echo Link to get more information on the Bear Festival.

This is the fourth year the BEARS have been invited to set up and work a special event station and they are looking forward to being invited again next year.

The mascot of the festival, *Bayou Bear* stopped by and listened in on contacts with Paul, Jared, Frank, Fred, Rudy and Jacob helping him adjust the headphones.

Meanwhile on the street, Bayou Bear caught up with Deborah and Karen.

Everyone had a great time, it is a very relaxed atmosphere, and the group assembles the whole station and antennas like clock-work.



L-R is Paul AE5JU, Frank N5LOD, Jared W5WOS, Fred W5MLE, Jacob Bourgeois and Rudy WA5QNH and Bayou Bear with earphones.



Deborah N5FMI - Bayou Bear - Karen KE5RPI
Who could refuse a "Bear Hug" from these girls!



APRIL 2014 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	30	Ø	72	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	3	54	Ø	89	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	25	Ø	73	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	26	3	85	N5LRZ Ray
Youth Thursday Night Net	3	32	1	72	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

If the freedom of speech is taken away then, dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.
- George Washington

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI the net control station for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters.

Here is the May 2014 schedule:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
May 5	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
May 12	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
May 19	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
May 26	7:00 PM	147.420	SIMPLEX

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The May 2014 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday_net.pdf

Notice: On the January 13th Monday Night Net, Mark made a offer that goes like this:

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AAARA Net during 2014 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and they will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.

AARA



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

5/06	W4JHC	JOHN
5/11	KD5VDK	DEBORAH
5/17	KB5TWL	MITCH
5/26	KD5TJZ	KATHY
5/26	N5WE	CHARLES
6/05	KE5RPI	KAREN
6/07	K5VXX	JOE

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

AARA Field Day

The AARA will probably be discussing Field Day plans coming up on June 28-30, 2014. We will need a location, FD Chairman, volunteers to help set up and take down, and operators to work the radios and to log. I understand that Larry KE5KJD has installed the logging software on some of the computers and is checking out the AMOS FT-990 transceiver. All help with FD 2014 will be greatly appreciated.



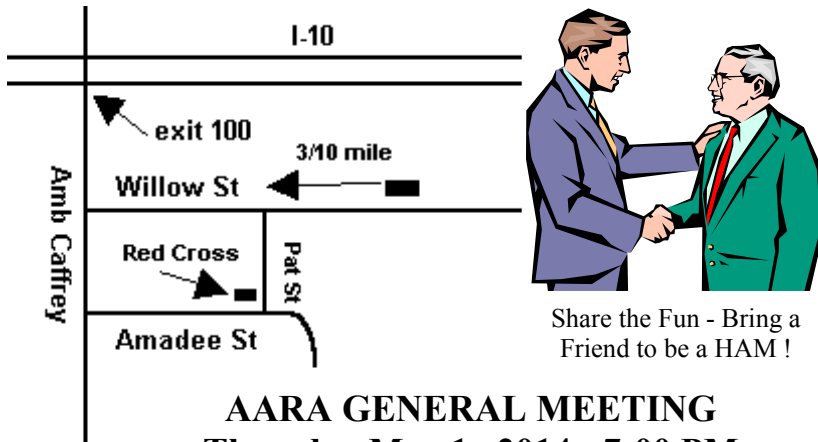
AARA Membership Drive:

To renew your membership or become a member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) download a membership form at:

http://www.w5ddl.org/aara_membership_appl.pdf

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday May 1, 2014 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

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PAUL'S **SUPREME GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE**

AARA Member Paul Scallan - K5VSH

This is basically the traditional recipe, except I've added extra mushrooms and toasted almonds or pine nuts. I also incorporate all of my onion rings in the mix and top with seasoned bread crumbs.

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| 2 Cans of cut green beans (drained) or the equiv. frozen. | 1 Tablespoon of Butter. |
| 1 Can of cream of mushroom soup (any brand). | 1/2 Cup of toasted almond slivers or pine nuts. |
| 3/4 Cup of milk (2% or greater). | 1 Small jar or can of mushroom pieces (drained). |
| 1/2 Teaspoon of black pepper. | — Seasoned Bread Crumbs. |
| — 6 oz. of fried onion rings (any brand). | |

Toast the almonds (or pine nuts) in the butter, in a sauce pan, until light brown.

Mix all together (except the bread crumbs), and put into a Pam sprayed, oven proof vessel, about two inches deep. Cook uncovered at 350°F for approximately 30 minutes. Top with bread crumbs. Continue cooking until bread crumbs are brown.

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245